Amendment under Ex Parte Quayle Practice U.S. Application No. 10/676,780

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

8. (currently amended) An assembly supportive device which guides a distal end of a spring support rod onto a support rod receiving block provided, on a lower half of a cartridge case, when a slide door for opening/closing an opening, through which a magnetic tape of a magnetic tape cartridge is drawn out, is fitted in the lower half of the cartridge case, a proximal end of the spring support rod being projected from the slide door, around which spring support rod a compression coil spring is wound, the assembly supportive device comprising:

a guide member having a V-shaped groove that receives the distal end of the spring support rod; and

a positioning device capable of moving the guide member from a retraction position outside the lower half to a use position over the support rod receiving block on the lower half,

wherein the guide member is formed with a slit-so-provided as to cut through a bottom of the V-shaped groove partway from one end, and the guide member is connectively attached to the positioning device via a pivot arm.